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cheaper than steel. So if I keep oil in it, I don't have to worry about those steel parts rubbing together and wearing out, then I have to pay the cost of replacement steel. That is an analogy that we can apply to this situation. I think the compensation level of judges is almost at the point where we can say, the system is broken. Hard decisions are a part of the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...territory we have to traverse as members of the Legislature, we knew it. This is one of those decisions which, in my mind, ought not be that hard to make. I believe that this court is going to be more active, let me not use the word "active", more aware of the necessity of weeding out those members who bring shame and disparagement to the judiciary itself. So I hope people can look at this from an institutional standpoint, blot out individual judges you may dislike, and vote to do the right thing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Adrian Smith announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature, Don and Jane Ingraham, from Scottsbluff. They are located under the south balcony. If you'd rise, we'd like to acknowledge you and welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. For further discussion on the advancement of LB 350 to E & R Initial, the Chair recognizes Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I, too, am in support of this bill. And I've signed onto the bill. I'm a great believer in you get what you pay for. We have a system in this state, at this point it's one of the best I've seen since I've lived in the state of Nebraska, which has been since 1964. We have a constant push, and I'm not so sure it's coming from the constituency or where it comes from, to get tough on crime. Getting tough on crime means that you're also going to have to have some people who can do that, not just the people to arrest them, and not just the people to lock them up, but the people in between, who are going to treat them with fair and consistent laws that we make in this body. And that ends up in our court system. And we want bright, intelligent, fair and consistent people in them positions. If we do not pay them what it takes to get good